

**AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure in its entirety and substitute therefor the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

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A liquid crystal projector comprises a detector for detecting whether a cooling fan is stopped or is being rotated, a first controller for gradually raising a voltage to be applied to the cooling fan when the cooling fan is started, and a second controller for setting the voltage to be applied to the cooling fan to a predetermined normal operating voltage when the detector detects that the cooling fan is rotated in the process of gradually raising the voltage to be applied to the cooling fan by the first controller.